

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A system for transacting business between a solicitor and a business comprising:
 - a server used by a business and being accessible by a solicitor; and
 - a contract evaluator housed on the server, wherein the contract evaluator receives input data from the solicitor and determines at a first stage whether the input data is complete to receive further evaluation, and at a second stage whether the input data as a whole falls within one or more specific pathways of further data evaluation.
2. The system of claim 1, wherein if the input data is not complete at the first stage, then the solicitor is alerted to complete the input data.
3. The system of claim 2, wherein the solicitor is directed to data that is not complete.
4. The system of claim 1, wherein each of the one or more specific pathways has a prerequisite of a given range of variables.
5. The system of claim 4, wherein a default pathway is followed if the input data does not fall within any of the one or more specific pathways.

6. The system of claim 1, wherein one of the one or more specific pathways accepts the input data of the solicitor and signals the solicitor that a contract has been formed.

7. The system of claim 1, wherein one of the one or more specific pathways presents the solicitor with a counteroffer.

8. The system of claim 1, wherein one of the one or more specific pathways requires manual intervention by a person who evaluates the input data.

9. The system of claim 1, wherein one of the one or more specific pathways signals the solicitor that a contract cannot be formed.

10. A system for transacting business between a solicitor and a business, the system comprising:

a server used by a business and being accessible by a solicitor; and
means for automated contract evaluation housed on the server, wherein the means for evaluation receives input data by the solicitor and determines at a first stage whether the input data is complete to receive further evaluation, and at a second stage whether the input data as a whole falls within one or more specific pathways of further data evaluation.

11. The system of claim 10, wherein if the input data is not complete at the first stage, then the solicitor is alerted to complete the data.
12. The system of claim 11, wherein the solicitor is directed to data that is not complete.
13. The system of claim 10, wherein each of the one or more specific pathways has a prerequisite of a given range of variables.
14. The system of claim 13, wherein a default pathway is followed if the input data does not fall within any of the one or more specific pathways.
15. The system of claim 10, wherein one of the one or more specific pathways accepts the input data of the solicitor and signals the solicitor that a contract has been formed.
16. The system of claim 10, wherein one of the one or more specific pathways presents the solicitor with a counteroffer.
17. The system of claim 10, wherein one of the one or more specific pathways requires manual intervention by a person who evaluates the input data.
18. A method of transacting business between a solicitor and a business, the method comprising:

receiving input data from a solicitor at a server associated with a business;
evaluating the input data; and
determining at a first stage whether the input data is complete to receive
further evaluation, and at a second stage whether the input data as a whole falls
within one or more specific pathways of further data evaluation.

19. The method of claim 18, wherein if the input data is not complete at the
first stage, then the solicitor is alerted to complete the data.

20. The method of claim 18, wherein each of the one or more specific
pathways has a prerequisite of a given range of variables.

21. The method of claim 18, wherein a default pathway is followed if the
input data does not fall within any of the one or more specific pathways.